Code of conduct for Civil servants

3559. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any code of conduct or conduct rules which have to be strictly observed by members of the All India Services like the IAS, IRS etc. in soliciting funds or advertisements, etc. from MPs and others;

(b) to what extent have these conduct rules to be amended to remove all ambiguities;

(c) whether it is a fact that such solications for funds from MPs and others leads to "un-officer like" conduct; and

(d) the steps proposed to change existing law conditions, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) The respective Conduct Rules of the All India Services and the Central Civil Services envisage that no Government servant shall, except with the previous sanction of the Government or of such authority as may be empowered by it in this behalf ask for, or accept, contributions to or otherwise associate himself with the raising of any fund or other collections in cash or in kind in pursuance of any object whatsoever. Previous sanction is granted or refused on merits in the light of the rules/ instructions. The officer is required to discontinue taking part in such activities if so directed by the Government. There is no proposal to amend the existing rules.

Pensions from NGOs

3560. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that working Government servants are receiving pension from various International Non-Governmental Organizations; and

(b) if so, the number of such working servants and the posts they are holding in Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

(a) and (b) Information relating to Government servants who receive pension from various International Non-Governmental organizations is not maintained centrally.

Employees of Central Secretariat

†3561 SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the officers and employees of Central Secretariat Services have continued to observe fast in front of North Block for the past several years;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by Government for redressal of their problems;

(c) the reasons for which the officers and employees are compelled to hold onto their fast;

(d) whether any initiative has been taken by Government to break this fast; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government constituted a Committee of Senior Officers in February, 2001 on Cadre Restructuring of the Central Secretariat Service. The Committee submitted its report in February, 2002 to the Government giving a series of recommendations for increasing promotional avenues and improving career prospects of the Central Secretariat Officers. The Government has accepted almost all the recommendations of the Committee.

(d) and (e) The Government has accepted the recommendations of the Committee on Cadre re-structuring of Central Secretariat Service and further granted Non Functional pay scale of Rs. 8000-275-13500 notionally *w.e.f.* 1.1.96 for the Section Officers with approved service of 4 years as on 1.1.96. Revision of pay scale of Assistants from 5500-175-9000 to Rs. 6500-200-10500 is under consideration of Government. All these efforts of the Government are to satisfy the demands of the Central Secretariat Service Officers.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.